

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003 – 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 40 new fires reported. One large fire was reported and contained in the Eastern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in California.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Martin and McCombs) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill and Palestine, Texas. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Custer, Hildreth) are assigned in Nacogdoches and Longview, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating with the search and collection of shuttle materials.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Corley and Raley) are working in support of the USDA APHIS operations. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, Maryland and Nevada.

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
Savanna Lake	MD	MDS	835	100	---		0	0	0	0	NR

MDS = Maryland State Forestry

**OUTLOOK:**

Warm and dry weather will continue for the next couple of days in Texas. A weak cold front will move into the region Saturday night cooling temperatures slightly. There will be a slight chance of rain Sunday night through Wednesday as a series of upper level disturbances move across the region.

A weak ridge of high pressure will bring a little warmer and drier weather to southern California with light westerly winds. High temperatures will range from the 50's to the 60's in the mountains and upper deserts and 60's to 70's in the valleys and lower desert.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

### RETARDANT DROP SAFETY

Having retardant dropped on a fire should be a routine event. However, there are risks associated with retardant drops that can pose serious threats to personnel and equipment. Consider the following for all drops:

- Be aware of the location of lead planes and airtankers during retardant drop operations.
- Be sure you have positive contact with the lead plane or airtanker before the drop.
- Personnel can be injured by the impact of retardant drops. Clear personnel out of the target area when the drop is conducted. If an individual is unable to retreat to a safe place, the best method for minimizing injury from the drop is to:
  - Hold you handtool away from your body.
  - Lie face down with hardhat in place and head toward the oncoming aircraft.
  - Grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the retardant.
  - Do not run unless escape is ensured.
  - Get clear of dead snags and tops.
  - Be aware of rolling debris below the drop site in steep terrain.
- Working in an area covered by retardant should be done with caution due to slippery surfaces.
- If possible, wash the retardant off your skin to prevent irritation.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					5	4	9
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					835		835
Southern Area	FIRES					25	3	28
	ACRES					130	38	168
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	31	7	40
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	130	38	1003

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				3	45	6	54
	ACRES				2,165	10	2,027	4,202
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			151	34	190
	ACRES	0	1			20	12	33
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5	6			40	27	78
	ACRES	23	5			261	30	319
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	3		1		3	9
	ACRES	0	0		200		15	215
Eastern Area	FIRES	4			2	132	6	144
	ACRES	12			1	1,834	67	1,914
Southern Area	FIRES	55		5	3	3,989	86	4,138
	ACRES	6,851		755	530	38,327	2,704	49,167
TOTAL	FIRES	68	15	5	9	4,359	162	4,618
	ACRES	6,886	6	755	2,896	40,481	4,855	55,879
<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>								<b>9,737</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>								<b>178,259</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in March\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		3				31	34
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						149	149
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						30	30
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						60	60
Southern Area	FIRES	1					14	15
	ACRES	183					3,745	3,928
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	17	18
	ACRES	183	3	0	0	0	4,015	4,201

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	57	2			34	96
	ACRES	4	3,306	725			1,198	5,233
Northern California	FIRES	1	6	3	6		30	46
	ACRES	31	69	4,823	475		2,034	7,432
Southern California	FIRES		1				36	37
	ACRES		5				4,921	4,926
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		4			110		114
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	2		1		137	143
	ACRES	460	197		1,000		4,205	5,862
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	4	4	2	12	24
	ACRES		110	125	49	39	460	783
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	27	29
	ACRES					1,200	1,066	2,266
Southern Area	FIRES	20		115	11	5,562	449	6,157
	ACRES	4,229		38,601	20,383	333,458	340,995	737,666
TOTAL	FIRES	27	71	124	22	5,568	727	6,539
	ACRES	4,724	3,704	44,274	21,907	334,807	354,997	764,413

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California	1								13	
Southern California		2								1
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									22	92
Southwest									2	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			6		1				64	
Southern Area	134	12							529	1715
Total	135	14	6	0	1	0	0	0	630	1808

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